



HUGHENDEN TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB Inc.

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**HUGHENDEN RUGBY 7s
COMPETITION HANDBOOK**

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Welcome,

On behalf of The Hughenden Town and Country Club Inc. it gives me great pleasure in welcoming you to the Hughenden Rugby Sevens Competition.

It is an exciting time for the growth of Rugby in North Queensland with Sevens Rugby Competitions increasing in popularity. I would like to congratulate and thank the Coaches, Managers, Players and Volunteers for their support of this weekend and wish the players the very best of luck.

Each year, a donation from the Hughenden Rugby 7s competition is made to a charity or to support community sporting projects.

I would like to thank our Sponsors, both large and small for their support of the Hughenden Rugby Sevens. Without the support of all our sponsors, rugby events like this are not possible.

I encourage you to join our Facebook page 'Hughenden Rugby 7s' to keep up to date with competition news and to see all the photos and footage of the carnival.

Thank you,

Lindsay Brown
President
Hughenden Rugby 7s

TEAM REGISTRATION

Team places are limited, so be sure to get your registrations in early. Teams can register once registrations open by completing the Team Registration Form available on the Hughenden Rugby 7s Website. Completed forms should be immediately emailed to registrations@hughendenrugby7s.com.au

All players participating in the carnival must be registered with the Australian Rugby Union and have a My Rugby ID number. Those players who do not possess a current Rugby ID Number should visit <http://hughendenrugby7s.com.au/registration.html> to complete a registration form. Forms must be completed prior to game day.

All players and support team members must have the correct forms completed, signed and handed to their coach by the carnival morning in order to partake in the carnival.

All players must be 18 years or older. Players that are 17 on the day of the carnival may be permitted to play with parental consent (see Individual Registration Forms). The power to approve 17 year old players is at the committee's discretion. Players under 17 will not be permitted to partake in the carnival.

All teams will be required to pay the \$500 registration fee prior to the carnival weekend. Please pay via BPAY using the following details:

Account Name: Hughenden Town & Country Rugby 7's

BSB: 084714

Account Number: 134677527

Registration queries can be directed to our Facebook page or via email to registrations@hughendenrugby7s.com.au

CARNIVAL LOCATION

Flinders Sports Ground at the Hughenden Show Grounds

TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES & BEHAVIOUR

It is the responsibility of Team Management and the players themselves to abide by the code of conduct of the ARU. We ask that the players, coaches and supporters work hard to ensure that the behaviour of their teams is exceptional. Please note the following,

- The Flinders Sports Ground is a non-smoking venue.
- Liquor Licensing areas are restricted to the Western side of the Field within the defined liquor licence area. **No alcohol** is permitted on the field or outside of this area.
- No alcohol is to be brought into or taken out of the facility. The showgrounds is a No Glass Venue.
- The eastern side is banned for all spectators.
- All participants, spectators or supporters must use the toilets provided. Anyone caught going to the toilet anywhere other than that will be removed from the facility. This includes players and management.
- All music is centrally controlled by the Hughenden Rugby 7s committee. Teams playing their own personal music in tents are requested to keep noise levels low so as not to disrupt other carnival patrons. Teams will be asked to turn music down/off by committee management if rules are not adhered to.
- Players are required to provide their own protective clothing/ equipment for the carnival.
- Teams that fail to be ready to take the field when their game is called will forfeit that game and lose one (1) point.

WARM UP AREA

The warm up area will be on the northern side of the field. Warm up areas will be available around the field and allowed in the dead ball areas of the field, but this should be reserved for the immediate teams participating in the next match.

FIRST AID

Queensland Ambulance will be in attendance throughout the carnival. Please assist the medical staff by allowing any priority cases to be treated first.

CONCUSSION

The Hughenden Rugby 7's Club adheres to the ARU Concussion Guidance document which can be accessed through the following website:

(http://www.aru.com.au/Portals/33/Running%20Rugby/Safe%20Practices/ARU%20Concussion%20Guidance%20Public_FINAL_2016.pdf)

The Hughenden Rugby 7's Carnival Club strongly recommends that all players wear protective head gear.

PLAYER INSURANCE

If a player is required to seek medical (doctor or hospital) assistance, all costs will be incurred by the player/players club. Claims for loss of income or medical expenses must be completed within 30 days of the carnival. Injury Claim forms can be accessed from the link below and will require verification from the club secretary. Please contact the club as soon as possible to assist with your claim (hughendenrugby7s@live.com.au).

INSURANCE CLAIM FORM: http://www.gowgatessport.com.au/rugby/wp-content/uploads/ClaimForm_ARU2011.pdf

Serious injuries will need to be documented by a Rugby 7s Official.

COMPETITION RULES

These competition rules are unique to the Hughenden 7s carnival and do not contain 7 a side variation laws. For a more accurate account of 7 a side Rugby laws please refer to the IRB laws on their website (www.irblaws.com).

Teams: Teams are permitted to have 12 players in total. They must keep the same players for the whole competition.

Injury Time: Injury time will only be played in the playoff, quarter finals, semi-finals and grand-finals. Time may run ahead of schedule to accommodate this.

Extra Time: Extra Time will be played in only the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Cup and Bowl Grand Finals (NOT pool games or Playoff games i.e. 3/4th, 5/6th, 7/8th). If a playoff game is drawn, then both teams will share the ranking i.e. Teams playing off for 7/8 will tie for 7th. Extra Time will be 5 minutes each way with no break in the middle only a change of ends. Teams are permitted 3 subs during the entirety of extra time.

Red Cards: If a player receives a Red Card the player is immediately suspended from the remainder of that match and is subject to punishment by the judiciary held within one hour of the card being given. The judiciary will be decided by the tournament organisers.

Game Times: Coaches, Managers and players are solely responsible for being ready to play 5 minutes before the conclusion of the game prior to theirs. If a team is more than 5 minutes late to a fixture they will forfeit the match.

NOTE: A hooter will sound to indicate the start and end of each match. Please be aware that matches may start earlier than planned, please take note of how far along the game prior to your game is to ensure we run on time.

Gear: Managers/Coaches are required to provide appropriately numbered jerseys to their players. These jersey numbers must be recorded on the Team Registration Form submitted and must match up to the players in the jerseys. It is the teams/managements responsibility to ensure that players wear the same Jersey for entirety of the carnival.

Results: Teams are encouraged to keep a tally of the game score for their own records. A team official will be required at the Marshalling tent to sign the match results sheet at the conclusion of each game.

POINTS SYSTEM (*Pool Stages Only*)

WIN	4 POINTS
DRAW	2 POINTS EACH TEAM
LOSS	0 POINTS
SCORING 4 + TRIES	1 POINT
FINISHING WITHIN 7 POINTS	1 POINT

NOTE: If teams finish on the same ladder points after pool or round robin games, it will come down to whichever team has the better for and against, if the teams have the same for and against it will be decided by who the winner was when the teams met. If the teams then drew in that match the team captains will play scissors, paper, rock - best of 3 to decide who progresses.

COMPETITION FORMATS

Both Men's and Women's teams are divided into pools for initial games. Based on results from the preliminary rounds, teams will compete for the Cup, Plate and Bowl.

PRIZE MONEY

Cash prizes and Sporting Equipment is offered as prizes for the winners of the Cup, Bowl, and novelty events of the tournament.

A \$500 Cash prize is offered to the 'Best Team Mascot' at the competition. The winner is judged by the Hughenden Rugby 7's Committee and is based on the Mascot's ability to entertain the crowd throughout the day in a fun and tasteful way.

TOURNAMENT CONTACTS

ROLE	NAME	CONTACT
PRESIDENT	LINDSAY BROWN	0458 246 584
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MATCH DAY CONTACT	TAMMY McCLYMONT	0438 730 807

RESULTS SHEET

_____ VS _____

SCHEDULED KICKOFF TIME:	
MATCH OFFICIALS:	
REFEREES:	

TEAM:		TEAM	
TRIES:		TRIES:	
CONV:		CONV:	
TOTAL:		TOTAL:	
COACH SIGNATURE:		COACH SIGNATURE:	